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COMPONENT FOR PRODUCING POLYMER MIXTURES BASED

ON STARCH, AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE COMPONENT

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated June 5, 2001 with the time for reply having been extended for one month or until OCTOBER 5, 2001, please amend the above-identified patent Der application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 18 to 20 and 25 to 30 as follows. A Marked-Up Version of Amended Claims 18 to 20 and 25 to 30 is